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KEEPING IT INCLUSIVE

Rachel Griffin returns to campus to talk about sexism, racism and how it affects Eastern, based on her last visit.

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The Eastern football team faces a turnover-ridden team as it goes against Tennessee State at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at O'Brien Field

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Mail system switches to save time, money

By Stephanie Markham
News Editor | @stephm202

Departments across campus will soon have to pick up their mail from a central box in their building instead of having it delivered to their individual office mailboxes.

Campus mail services is switching its delivery method to a central mailing system in order to compensate for a limited number of employees.

John Sigler, the associate direc-

tor of support services, said one of the mailroom's employees quit about two years ago, and because the university decided not to fill that position, the staff went down from five to four.

Now, whenever one worker takes a sick day, the staff is even more pressed for time, and the office's part-time worker has to take over a mail route.

Faced with \$8 million in budget cuts and declining enrollment, one of Eastern's financial strategies has

been attrition, which means positions around the university are not always filled when they become vacant.

When Clay Hopkins, the director of telecommunications, retired last year, his position was not filled, so Facilities Planning and Management was given authority over mail services as of April 1.

Sigil said the mail services crew already had the drawings ready and new boxes picked out by the time he took over.

"That was sort of the accommodation (the administration) made for the mailroom since they were taking a position away from us," he said.

He said Old Main has had this type of system already for 15 to 20 years, during which time the president's office, vice presidents' offices and math department have all picked up and dropped off their mail in a central location on the first floor.

Central boxes are now installed in Blair Hall, Buzzard Hall, Ninth

Street Hall, Klehm Hall, Lumpkin Hall, Coleman Hall, McAfee Gym, Lantz Arena, the Doudna Fine Arts Center, the Student Services Building, the Human Services Building, the Physical Sciences Building and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Mail services spent about \$30,000 on the installation, which it paid for out of a fund it has to update its equipment according to new state and federal regulations, Sigil said.

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Senate passes bill for upcoming Safety Walk

Table set up for student involvement

By Luis Martinez
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Student Senate unanimously passed two new bills Wednesday, the Safety Walk Outreach Table bill and the Budgeting Event bill.

Senator Danielle Burden presented the Safety Walk bill, which will feature the Safety Walk Outreach table.

The table will allow students to get more involved in the walk by marking the areas on campus that they feel the least safe in.

This information will then be used to narrow the focus during the actual walk, during which they will color code a map based on what they find.

"We finally have the colors for the stickers," Burden said. "Yellow is going to be for lighting issues; red for traffic and parking; blue is the emergency lights, and green will be sidewalk safety and traffic issues."

The outreach table will have students participate in the Safety Walk, even if they are unable to attend.

Burden said Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, approached her at last week's meeting and said too many students at the walk might be overwhelming.

"Dr. Nadler approached me after last week's meeting and he doesn't want a lot of students there because it is too overwhelming having so many bodies there," Burden said.

"He wants to keep it small like it normally is, that's why it's important to do this, because that

way we are getting student's feedback since it's not really open to everyone to come to the Safety walk, they are still getting a say in it," Burden said.

Senator Phillip Love said he disagreed with Nadler, but feels that student involvement is important with the event.

"I feel that this is a good way to help get students involved with campus safety by giving us their feedback," Love said.

Senator Catie Witt said she agreed on the event's importance.

"Without the map, there's no interaction with students, and that is what we want especially since they're going to be walking by and they want an input on what we do."

The Budgeting Event will allow students to learn how to properly balance their budgets while in college and have financial stability.

Senator Stephen Simpson submitted the proposal for the event.

"As a part of my business affairs committee, we thought this would be a good event to start out with," Simpson said. "This is something that everyone can relate to."

Witt said she agreed that the event could be helpful to non-business students.

"I think it's a good idea because I'm not a business major or finance so I don't know how to budget my money," Witt said. "I know that this will be helpful for other students who don't know as well."

The event will be called "Don't Go Broke" and will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. on Nov. 11, though the location was not announced.

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Pop up the jam



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Jennifer Maes, a freshman early childhood education major, attempts to pop a balloon during Hall Council Wednesday in Taylor Hall Basement.

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Bowl of fun



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Jennifer Tororice, a senior sociology major, prepares to bowl during the Bright Lights, Blue Lanes Homecoming event Wednesday at the Bowling Lanes in the Martin Luther King Jr, University Union.

Detective retires after 30 years

By Jarad Jarmon

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JAMES BLAGG

After working 90 cases a year, from homicide cases to armed robbery, a Charleston Police Department officer chose to move on to new aspects of criminal justice.

James Blagg, a former detective for the CPD, retired at 50 after 30 years of working on the force as of Oct. 10.

Blagg said with his pension maxed out; he knew it was his time to move on to different things.

He said his leaving the department was bittersweet.

"I have been there for a long time, and I knew this day was coming," Blagg said. "It came quicker than you would ever expect it to. It is kind of hard to believe I worked over there for 30 years."

Starting off as a patrolman Oct. 11, 1984, Blagg worked the night shift for five years.

He said starting out, even though he had lived in Charleston his entire life, he did not anticipate the amount of things that can happen at night, especially with the university embedded in the town.

"It was a shock to see 3,000 people running around at 1 in the morning," Blagg said.

He then moved on to the day shift where he served as a field-training officer and mentored new

officers into the career.

After 17 years as a patrolman, he then spent the remaining 13 years working homicide, robbery, and even petty crime.

Despite leaving the job, some of the cases such as one where 2-year-old Holden Jones was murdered still stick with him today.

While it was gratifying getting an admission out of Jamie Thomasson, who was convicted and sentenced to 70 years in prison, working cases like this one was difficult, Blagg said.

It was especially difficult at the time, because his child was around that age.

He said despite personal feelings, he knew he had to keep calm in order to hopefully get a confession and not have to rely on physical evidence.

"You don't want to mess up the

case," he said.

Blagg learned from this case and many others throughout his time in the department.

"It was one of the roughest cases that really changed my life," Blagg said. "It makes you realize the evil that is out there. I am here to make it better for the parents and to have justice served for those that committed these crimes."

Blagg started his new job Oct. 16 as an adult probation officer working in the Coles County Courthouse House Probation Office.

He was always interested in every aspect of the criminal justice system.

As a police officer, he handled the point of arrest to the point of conviction, and now as a probation officer, he is now able to pick up from the point of conviction.

He said he wanted to help those on probation to making the right choices.

"I just wanted to work the full circle," Blagg said.

Even though he is not in the department, Blagg said he still continues and will continue to keep in contact with the close friends he made on the force.

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BLOTTER

Cannabis, harrasement reported

• A cannabis complaint was reported at 11:58 p.m. Monday near Andrews Hall. The incident was referred to the office of student standards.

• Leco Braggs, 19, 1806 Cottage Grove, Urbana, was arrested at 3:33 a.m. Tuesday at Ford Hall and charged with disorderly conduct, criminal trespass to residence and harassment by electronic communication. He was released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Office at 5:33 a.m. pending a \$1,500 bond.

• An electronic harassment report was filed at 4:25 p.m. at the University Police Department. The incident is under investigation.

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Student president works toward social initiatives

By **Roberto Hodge**
Multicultural Editor |@BertoHodge

Eastern was not the only school gunning for him. Playing soccer most of his life afforded him extra grants; however, he didn't think his potential and skills were being recognized, so he transferred to Eastern last spring and became the student body president in the fall.

Reginald Thedford, the student body president, said he has always been highly involved at each institution he attended.

He said at his previous college, Elmhurst, he was the vice president of the Black Student Union and started the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People chapter there.

"I'm just someone who likes to be involved; I like to be productive in everything I do," Thedford said.

Thedford, who is also a political science major, said when he came to Eastern, he ran for speaker of the house because he was interested in student government.

Although he was not elected, this loss became Thedford's biggest motivator because it led him to get more involved in activities on campus.

Eventually, he became the student affairs chair, which allowed him to help start "Blue Crew," as well as the acting University Board movies coordinator.

Thedford said everything he has done with being a student

leader on campus and making himself stand out has helped him gain the position he has now.

"With everything I did for student affairs, it showed people what I was capable of," Thedford said.

Thedford said he didn't like that he ran unopposed—he said he wished for more of a challenge so that his role didn't feel as if it was just given to him.

He said running unopposed creates more pressure, because now he has to work harder to show the university he is worthy of the position.

With that experience in mind, one of the things Thedford is working to fix as student body president is the lack of participation in student government elections.

Thedford said as the student body president, he must have monthly meetings with President Bill Perry and Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, as well as the North Central Association, which deals with university accreditation.

Alongside these monthly meetings, Thedford still has his normal set of classes to attend as well as help with the presidential search committee.

He said he attends a lot of these meetings in order to help make the university better, which is why he is not surprised many students are not given the chance to match the title of student body president to his face.

"All that going on and school

(makes) it's hard to make your face known on campus," Thedford said.

Thedford said since he is allowed to sit on the presidential search committee, he and three other students are given a say in what kind of president the university should have after Perry retires, which will be June 2015.

"If students can't relate to the president, it's going to be a problem," Thedford said.

Thedford is also the second African-American in 30 years to hold the position, which he said is great accomplishment that sets a positive example for African-American males on campus.

He said having an African-American represent the student body reflects positively on the university.

He said for racial minority students, this would show that they too could aspire to hold a position of leadership on campus.

He said many minority students have come up to him saying they now want to be involved in student government because they see him holding the position.

"If they don't see it, they (may) see it (as) impossible; it gives them hope," Thedford said.

Thedford said with his position, he has created a multicultural advisor within his presidential cabinet, a position that has been discussed multiple times and that he thinks will have a good effect on campus.

He is also in the planning stages to bring the "It's in Us" initia-



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Reginald Thedford, the student body president, smiles fondly as he looks back at his reasoning for choosing Eastern as his new educational home.

tive to campus, which is a campaign put in place by President Barack Obama to end sexual assault and raise awareness.

Another aspect Thedford is changing with his presidency is the presence of student government during Homecoming. He said usually they only need to be present during the parade, but

now he is working to have the organization be more involved with other events such as "Yell Like Hell."

"Everything is an opportunity," Thedford said.


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Samantha Middendorf

Mental illness should not be taken lightly

I will be the first to admit to lightly joking around with my friends about mental illnesses in the past. Sometimes phrases like “don’t be so depressed,” or “stop acting like a crazy person,” slip out when you’re not paying attention. But that doesn’t make it okay.

A hot topic of discussion recently is the speculation around Amanda Bynes.

Bynes was a child actor and is most known for her acting in films such as “She’s the Man” and “Easy A.”

Recently, Bynes was hospitalized in an involuntary psychiatric care unit and is said to suffer from schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

I’ve seen numerous posts on social media sites discussing Bynes’ condition, and let me tell you, none of them were very kind.

In August, comedian and actor Robin Williams committed suicide.

It later came to surface that Williams had suffered from depression and that it was likely linked to his suicide.

Floods of people turned to social media to express how upset they were by the loss of Williams and how horrible it must be to suffer from depression.

These two examples may be different, but in many ways they are similar. Both celebrities suffer from a mental illness, and mental illnesses are a serious condition.

Mourning over the loss of Williams and posting statuses on Facebook making fun of Bynes’ public outbursts make you nothing but a coward.

Think before you speak. Consider what you’re about to post online before typing it. I know it’s a radical idea, but try to keep your opinions to yourself.

I believe that the situation Bynes and her family have been put in is incredibly saddening.

Not only do they have to live with trying to overcome mental illnesses in general, but also they have to do it under the public’s eye.

Many people may think of Bynes as an actress that has gone off the beaten path and shouldn’t be allowed out in public, but the fact of the matter is that she has every right to.

Those that suffer from mental illness are fully capable of functioning as someone who does not suffer from one. In fact, many people you know are probably suffering and you have no idea. You probably walk right past those fighting mental illness on a daily basis and have no idea.

I can bet that you have a friend hat suffers from anxiety and panic attacks, and I can bet that you don’t even realize it.

You probably treat them like you treat all your other friends.

And that’s how you should be treating the rest of society that suffers from mental illnesses, famous or not.

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Drawn from the easel



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Proposed law gives stronger voice to victims

Every election period brings out a new amendment to the constitution, with this election being no exception. Proposed on the ballot Nov. 4 will be an amendment to Section 8.1 of the Illinois constitution — building upon the rights in the Crime Victim’s Bill of Rights.

Voters put into place the original Crime Victim’s Bill of Rights in 1992, but in doing so they also voted against an enforcement of the law. That meant while it was in theory a great set of rights, it wasn’t actually bound by law to enforce. The amendment being proposed will help change that.

The proposed amendment would add on provisions to help strengthen the already in-place rights.

The amendment helps guarantee that a victim has the right to be free from harassment, intimidation and abuse throughout the criminal trial process.

Given the modern world’s admiration for technology and how social media can spread words like wildfire, the idea that the victim will not be subject to these items is a reassuring one. It would help bring more criminals to justice, if the victim feels protected during the trial. By offering this type of protection, victims might be more inclined to testify at trial, helping to send more criminals to prison.

The amendment also gives the victim right to notice and to a hearing before a court ruling on access to any of the victim’s records, information or communications.

With privacy always a hot-button issue, it would behoove our state to look into more secure ways of protecting the people’s right to privacy. Of course that also pertains to victims. There is not a single point in having the victim’s whole life turned upside down after a crime has

already left them in disarray. Furthermore, it stands to reason that a victim should be informed of how the information will help the case before their whole life is picked apart.

The amendment also adds that the victim has the right to be heard at any post-arraignment court proceeding in which a victim’s right is at issue and at any court proceeding involving a post-arraignment decision, plea or sentencing.

The idea that a victim is voiceless will no longer exist with this proposal. This also gives the victim closure, because the amendment makes it mandatory for the victim to be notified of how the case closes.

Finally, the amendment will work in a provision that states there will be a consideration of the safety of the victim and their family in determining bail and conditions of release after arrest and conviction of the defendant.

This operates on multiple levels for the victim, and it should be embraced. There should always be consideration for the victim and their family. Especially when thinking about bail and release after arrest. Not giving the families and victims rights to be safe is absolutely ridiculous.

This is an amendment that needs to pass through without conflict or hesitation. The rights of victims are too important to ignore, to be swept under the rug even in the midst of debt, pensions and minimum wage. Victims’ rights should be a top priority in this election.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

We need better, healthier eating options

Everyone has high ambitions when deciding what food they might eat that day.

But as the day rambles on, these lofty goals become a dream for another time. For some, it might be because passing Chic-fil-A without getting something feels like sacrilege, but I feel for most, eating healthy just is not a viable option, especially in Charleston.

Eating healthy for most college students is just not possible, not because there is not a single healthy option in the town, but because healthy food is financially draining.

According to a National Post article, the Harvard School of Public Health did a study finding out a healthy diet costs roughly \$1.50 more a day. While that does not sound like much, added up, it totals to \$2,000 a year.

This is money a student paying college and a water bill cannot maintain for long periods of time.

Campus life does not afford students the ability to even make a good attempt at eating healthy. Especially for some like those who live in residence halls, realistically there are not many options aside from what can be microwaved which is normally cheap and satisfying for the time.

Eating a Maruchan Ramen packet from the 12-pack for \$3 at 1 a.m. seems to be the



Jarad Jarmon

only option when it comes to eating food that will not break the bank. This is by no means a balanced meal, but there seems to be no better options to the contrary.

The university does not offer food on campus that could even be considered healthy while also tasting good, aside from Subway.

Subway cannot be eaten everyday though. While the dining halls have some options for healthy food, the palette is much to limited to be considered on a daily basis. Aside from having a salad everyday, it seems impossible to sustain a weekly healthy diet in the dining halls.

Healthy diets are important, and yet, the current food economy and the lack of options on campus make these diets seem impossible.

It feels like a lose-lose situation. I cannot

cook healthy foods without throwing down a lot of money for food, not to mention the limited cooking conditions available in residence halls. I can also not look to the dining halls for the next best thing because there options are severely limited.

Policies need to be made to fix this issue, not only for college students, but also for the entire country. Policies encouraging the production and growth of healthy foods in the U.S. would hopefully force prices to drop for foods we need to eat as opposed to foods that are cheap and good for a short time.

We have put to much emphasis cheap, quick food. A way of changing this mindset would be to make healthy foods a better financial option for people.

This would also hopefully, in turn, make more healthy foods an option in dining halls because it would be the cheaper option.

The country already has issues with obesity and unhealthy eating, and fixing these costs would be the big step in making this problem less significant.

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Committee member organizes Homecoming events, festivities

By Cassie Buchman
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

Homecoming Week is hectic for many students, but may be even more so for the students working on the Homecoming committee.

Shona Coleman, a sophomore history major who works on the committee, helps plan several of the Homecoming events for the community.

It is Coleman's job to organize activities such as the Family Fun Night and "Blue-B-Que," as well as assist with other Homecoming events. She also deals with budgeting for these activities.

She said on the whole, it is a fairly easy job except for "little difficulties and hiccups in organization."

These hiccups include the time when some of the orders did not come in as they were supposed to, and when the office hours got mixed up.

Despite these inconveniences, Coleman said the work was worth the payoff in the end.

"(There is) a really good community here," Coleman said. "Everyone has different personalities and different skills they bring to the table."

She said she is also glad she got to be on the other side of Homecoming.

"I didn't get to go to many Homecoming events last year, and it is interesting being on

the other side of the fence when you're planning things and making things work as well," she said.

This is Coleman's first year on the committee. She joined after some friends suggested her personality and attitude would be great for a position on it.

"You have to be a positive person," Coleman said. "There are times when this job is stressful, and you need to remind yourself that you are doing this for other people."

Because of her work on the Homecoming committee, Coleman has met many new people.

"I know a lot more people now," she said. "I have gotten to know the Homecoming committee, the University Board people. It has been great to be able to work with many different people."

There were things that surprised and excited her about her new job, especially because it was her first year on the campus.

One thing she said surprised her was how much work it ended up being.

"It is a lot of work, and planning," Coleman said. "When you go to events, you only think it takes an hour (to set things up). It's good to be a part of the job and learn how much work people from past years have put into it."

Part of Coleman's responsibility involves cleaning up the back



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Shona Coleman, is part of the Homcoming committee, where she helps budget and assist with events.

room where all the things from Homecoming are kept.

"It's always fun organizing the back room," she said. "There are always so many things that pop up from past years."

She said these pieces of memorabilia are "a good reminder of how successful Homecoming has been in past years."

She said looks forward to an equally successful Homecoming this year.

"People should get excited for Homecoming," she said. "It's going to be a great year."

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Eastern, ISU clash in Danville

By Dominic Renzetti
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The Eastern hockey club takes on yet another in-state rival this weekend, but this time it will have just one game as opposed to the usual two.

The Panthers host Illinois State at 3 p.m. Saturday at the David S. Palmer Arena in Danville.

Eastern is coming off two road losses to Northern Illinois, losing by scores of 13-4 and 15-2, respectively. Junior forward Adam Story led the Panthers with two goals in the first game and one in the second.

The Panthers will be back at the David S. Palmer Arena for the first time since the club picked up its first two wins of the season against Wright State.

Eastern swept Wright State on Oct. 10 and 11. In the series, senior Glenn Oskvarek recorded a hat trick. The Panthers are 2-8 heading into this weekend.

Illinois State is coming off a split with Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. The Redbirds won Friday's game 4-3 with a game-winning goal from Jeremy Gaddo.

On Saturday, it was Southern Illinois-Edwardsville who pulled out the win, beating the Redbirds 7-5. Before the loss, Illinois State had won six straight games.

Following its matchup with Illinois State, Eastern remains at the David S. Palmer Arena, hosting Lewis University on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

That series will be the last time the Panthers play at home until Dec. 5 and 6, when Eastern hosts Davenport University.

In between then, the Panthers take on St. Mary's of Minnesota on Nov. 15 and 16. Eastern and Illinois State meet again for a rematch on Nov. 20 at the U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington. During that weekend, the Panthers will also take on Northwestern on the road at the Centennial Ice Arena in Wilmette on Nov. 21 and 22.

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Setter Marah Bradbury and middle hitter Josie Winner of the Eastern women's volleyball team block a kill attempt by Murray State's Scottie Ingram Oct. 10 in Lantz Arena.

Rematch brings change for Panthers

By Blake Nash
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Change is in the air for the Eastern volleyball team this weekend as it travels to Austin Peay on Friday and Murray State on Saturday in rematches from two weeks ago.

The last meetings saw the Panthers fall to the Racers, but defeat the Governors in five sets the next day.

For many coaches, playing a familiar opponent different times during the season presents less of a challenge in preparation, but it's a different story in Ohio Valley Conference, Eastern coach Kate Price said.

"Well you've seen them, but at the same time, the second time around, things change with teams," she said. "Every team has different people play-

ing and things of that nature. We still need to make sure we're addressing issues that beat us in both games, no matter what the final result was, because there were issues in both games."

Murray State is climbed back into first place in the OVC this weekend after winning their last five games, including seven of their last eight. Price said their consistency as well as a great outside attack has been a big piece of their success.

"Consistency would be a big piece of it, that their playing at a consistent enough level to beat teams," Price said. "They're doing a good job with their outside attack because they get after it, and that always enables a team to be on top of what they do."

The Panthers have begun imple-

menting a new blocking scheme for this weekend, most notably with true freshman Allie Hueston, who has averaged nearly five blocks a game since OVC play began.

"We need to go in and prepare to have to adjust the block during games," Price said. "Being in the position to make big defensive plays and big digs, being successful in the back court, is what we're working on."

Hueston has been aware of this new strategic maneuver, but as of Tuesday, she had still not known what specifically will be used this weekend. "I think we're going to change up the block a little bit, but other than that I think we're just going to work around what both these teams do," Hueston said.

Austin Peay, meanwhile, has strug-

gled lately, losing three out of during their last road trip. However, Eastern's libero Stephanie Wallace knows both she and the Panthers need to have more energy than they did in their five-set victory two weeks ago.

"I think we do have a better idea for these two teams this weekend, but we need to have more energy and keep working on finishing because that's what we didn't do at home, and these away matches are always tough," Wallace said.

First serve for the Austin Peay game will take place at 6:00 p.m., while the Murray State will start at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

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Men's soccer faces must-win games

By Mark Shanahan
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The Eastern men's soccer team is 2-10-1 and needs to win its next two conference games against Fort Wayne and Oral Roberts to have any chance of making it to the Summit League conference tournament.

Eastern remains winless in conference at 0-3-1 and they are also 0-7 on the road, where they have not won since 2012. Eastern has also dropped two straight home games to Western Illinois last Saturday and to Green Bay on Tuesday.

Freshman goalkeeper Mike Novotny has been solid for Eastern despite having a 1-8 record. He has given up 17 goals while making 39 saves and has a 1.58 goals against average.

Eastern senior forward Tayron Martin scored his first goal of the year Tuesday against Green Bay in the Panthers' loss. Martin led the team in points with nine last year. He has two assist and four points this year.

Around The Summit League:

Western Illinois is unbeaten in its last seven games after tying Drake 1-1 on Tuesday. Western goalkeeper Yves Dietrich finally gave up a goal after having a six game shut out streak. He leads the Summit League in saves and save percentage. Dietri-



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Senior forward Tayron Martin attempts to find a route to the net during a match against Western Illinois on Saturday at the Eastern practice field. The Panthers lost to the Leathernecks 1-0.

ch has seven shutouts this year.

Western's Charlie Bales is a league leader in points with 14 and shots with 41. He is also tied for first for most goals with six.

Offensive players of the week in the Summit League were Tarik Salkicic from Oral Roberts and Mario Alvarez from Western Illinois.

Salkicic is a junior midfielder and this is his first career player of the week award. He earned the award by scoring the game-winning goal in the 73rd minute over IUPUI. This gave Oral Roberts its first conference win and snapped their four game losing streak.

Alvarez from Western Illinois is a midfielder and this is his third career of-

fensive player of the week. He earned it by scoring the game-winning goal against Eastern Illinois last Saturday in a 1-0 victory. The senior had a career high five shots against Eastern and his goal helped Western improve its winning streak to six games.

Defensive player of the week was Yves Dietrich for the third straight week. The senior extended his scoreless streak to 540 minutes after a 1-0 victory over Eastern. Dietrich had to make only three saves in the contest. A player has not won the award three weeks in a row since 1995.

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"They put a lot of pressure on you," Dameron said. "They have 30 sacks. They're really good up front. They're really good on the back end. I can't figure out where they're not really good."

The Tigers have the top-three sack getters in the conference. Junior Gabe Terry leads the trio with 8.5, followed by senior Anthony Bass, with six and fellow senior Samquan Evans, who has four total sacks.

Although Eastern is at the bottom in sacks allowed overall, the Panthers' offensive line has only surrendered three sacks in their three OVC games that are the fewest in the conference.

Jalen Whitlow's running ability has enabled him to escape from pressure and has led to long runs for the junior.

The Eastern quarterback has capitalized on his running ability, leading to big gains through the ground. In three games, Whitlow ranks No. 2 in rushing yards per game at 100. He also has six rushing touchdowns, which ranks him No. 2 as well behind Eastern Kentucky's Dy'Shawn Mobley.

Tennessee State coach Rod Reed is well aware of the dual-threat quarterback.

"You rewind a couple weeks back to Jacksonville State and (Whitlow) is as good if not better than Eli Jenkins," Reed said. "We all know how good Jenkins is. Whitlow has done a really good

job of running the offense and he can beat with his feet and he can beat you throwing the ball."

The Eastern quarterback has thrown six touchdowns in OVC play, completing 65.9 percent of his passes (58-of-65) and has the best passing efficiency in the league at 150.3. Whitlow is the only starting quarterback that has not thrown an interception in conference games so far this season.

"He's not a one-dimensional guy," Reed said. "I watched the kid throw an 18-yard comeback from the wide side of the field. Anytime you have that kind of arm strength, you're dangerous throwing the ball."

Eastern has the No. 1 offense in the OVC, averaging 49.3 points and 561.7 yards per game. Dameron said the Panthers couldn't let the Tennessee State defense control the tempo of the game Saturday.

The Tigers are only allowing 280.8 yards of offense per game in OVC play – the only team not surrendering more than 300 yards per game.

"Their defense is an All-Star group and we have to make sure offensively that we don't turn it over," Dameron said.

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Turnovers vital to Eastern's success

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The Eastern football team has been marred by turnovers in losses this year, but has used them to its advantage, which for Panthers' coach Kim Dameron is a focal point heading into Saturday's game against Tennessee State.

Coming off a plus-five turnover margin against Southeast Missouri on the road, Dameron said the Panthers must continue to force more turnovers to win.

"It is by far the No. 1 thing we have to do to win a football game," he said.

At 2-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference, Eastern has the best turnover margin in the league at plus six. The Panthers have generated nine turnovers, including six interceptions in the past two games.

When Eastern has won the turnover battle this year it has come away with a win. The Panthers' lone loss in conference play, a 36-33 overtime defeat against Eastern Kentucky on Oct. 11, saw the Panthers commit three fumbles leading to their loss.

Those three turnovers against the Colonels are the only turnovers Eastern has committed in three OVC games.

"We have to not turnover the ball on offense and we have to make sure we're continuing to get turnovers defensively," Dameron said.

The turnover bug has hit Tennessee State in its current three-game losing streak.

The Tigers have had seven interceptions thrown in their last three games.

Tennessee State quarterback Michael German is coming off a two-touchdown, 341-yard performance against Tennessee-Martin, but it was not enough, as he also threw an interception that was returned for a touchdown.

Tigers' coach Rod Reed said the senior quarterback is simply trying to do too much this season.

With a running game that is aver-



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Sophomore defensive back Cedric Julius defends Eastern Kentucky wide receiver Devin Borders who could not come down in bounds for a touchdown in the Panthers' 36-33 overtime loss to the Colonels on Oct. 11 in Richmond, Ky. Eastern's defense has intercepted seven passes in the last two games.

aging a conference worst 82.8 yards per game in OVC play, Reed said German is succumbing to the added weight on his shoulders as the Tigers' offense has become one-sided.

"I think our inability to run the ball up to this point has put a lot of pressure on Mike to force a lot of things and try to force the issue, which he shouldn't," Reed said. "He's got to understand that he's got a good defense. Protect the football and let the chips fall where they may."

German has the most interceptions in the OVC, with 11, which includes



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six against league opponents.

As a team, Tennessee State has nine turnovers in its three-game losing streak. The three losses have all come by a touchdown or less.

"That's not winning football and we have to get back to playing winning football and in particular protecting the football," Reed said.
Eastern quarterback Jalen Whitlow

has not thrown an interception since throwing three against Illinois State on Sept. 13 in Normal.

The Panthers lost that game 34-15. Since then he has only fumbled once at Eastern Kentucky.

"Turnovers is the most important statistic that we have," Dameron said. "It's talked about every day, every week to protect the football. Protect the football. Protect the football. And defensively attack the football."

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Tigers enter Homecoming with daunting defense

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At 4-4 overall, a three-game losing streak in the Ohio Valley Conference, Tennessee State enters O'Brien Field tied with Murray State for the worst conference record at 1-3.

For Eastern coach Kim Dameron that means absolutely nothing. Despite their three straight losses, the Tigers sport the OVC's No. 1 defense that is also ranked No. 3 in the entire FCS.

"You better not look at their last three weeks as far as their record and you better not look at some of the things that maybe they haven't done as well this year that they have in the past," Dameron said. "They are athletic, they play hard. They are a very formidable opponent and we are looking forward to seeing their best effort because I'm sure it's coming."

Where Tennessee State lacks in a running game offensively, it makes up defensively.

The Tigers have allowed an average of three yards per carry, which is the lowest in the OVC and teams

are rushing for 121.5 yards per game, which is the second lowest behind Jacksonville State (110).

The Tigers are in the middle of the pack with seven forced turnovers in their four conference games, but the Tennessee State defense has the second most sacks in conference play, with 11. The Tigers have 30 sacks this season, No. 1 in the OVC. The second highest total is 17 by Eastern Kentucky.

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JALEN WHITLOW THROUGH 6 GAMES

258.7 YARDS PER GAME

NO. 1 IN TOTAL YARDS IN THE OVC

345 PASSING
YARDS

0 PASSING
TOUCHDOWNS

146 RUSHING
YARDS

1 RUSHING
TOUCHDOWN

IN THE FIRST THREE GAMES, WHITLOW SPLIT TIME AT QUARTERBACK WITH SENIOR ANDREW MANLEY. EASTERN WENT 0-3, WHILE THE PANTHERS SCORED JUST 18.6 POINTS PER GAME

908 PASSING
YARDS

7 PASSING
TOUCHDOWNS

412 RUSHING
YARDS

7 RUSHING
TOUCHDOWNS

IN THE LAST FOUR GAMES, WHITLOW BECAME THE STARTER, LEADING EASTERN TO A 2-2 RECORD AND THE BEST OFFENSE IN THE OVC. THE PANTHERS HAVE AVERAGED 41.8 POINTS PER GAME.